

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

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1. A method by a server of transmitting  
pass/fail information indicating whether an examinee  
has passed or failed an exam to an examinee terminal  
of said examinee via a network, comprising the steps  
10 of:  
transmitting a confirmation mail to said  
examinee terminal asking whether to require said  
pass/fail information;  
receiving a response mail returned by said  
15 examinee terminal in response to said confirmation  
mail;  
recording reception time at which said  
server receives said response mail;  
determining, based on said reception time,  
20 a transmission order by which to transmit to said  
examinee terminal a pass/fail information address in  
said network at which said pass/fail information is  
located; and  
transmitting said pass/fail information  
25 address to a predetermined number of said examinee  
terminals depending on said transmission order and a  
server load value indicating a load on said server  
and/or said network.

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2. The method as claimed in claim 1,  
further comprising the steps of:  
35 receiving a transmission request for  
transmitting said pass/fail information transmitted  
from said examinee terminal, said transmission

request based on said pass/fail information address;  
and

transmitting said pass/fail information in  
response to said transmission request.

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3. A method by a server of transmitting  
10 pass/fail information indicating whether an examinee  
has passed or failed an exam to an examinee terminal  
of said examinee via a network, comprising the steps  
of:

receiving a transmission request for  
15 transmitting said pass/fail information transmitted  
from said examinee terminal, said transmission  
request based on a pass/fail information address in  
said network at which said pass/fail information is  
located; and

20 transmitting, in response to reception of  
said transmission request, a plurality of examinee  
ID numbers around an examinee ID number of said  
examinee.

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4. A method by a server of transmitting  
pass/fail information indicating whether an examinee  
30 among a plurality of examinees has passed or failed  
an exam to an examinee terminal of said examinee via  
a network, comprising the steps of:

transmitting to said examinee terminal an  
enquiry to said examinee asking whether said  
35 examinee wishes to disclose said pass/fail  
information to other examinees;

receiving a response by said examinee

terminal to said transmitted enquiry;  
grouping, based on profile information of  
the plurality of examinees, examinees whose  
responses indicate a wish to disclose said pass/fail  
information to other examinees; and  
5 transmitting pass/fail information of the  
information to said examinee terminals of the  
grouped examinees to said examinee terminals of the  
grouped examinees.

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5. A transmitting apparatus of pass/fail  
information indicating whether an examinee has  
15 passed or failed an exam to an examinee terminal,  
comprising:  
a transmitting unit that transmits a  
confirmation mail to said examinee terminal asking  
whether to require said pass/fail information;  
20 a receiving unit that receives a response  
mail returned by said examinee terminal in response  
to said confirmation mail;  
a determining unit that records reception  
time at which said response mail is received and  
25 determines, based on said reception time, a  
transmission order by which to transmit to said  
examinee terminal a pass/fail information address at  
which said pass/fail information is located; and  
30 a transmitting unit that transmits said  
pass/fail information address to a predetermined  
number of said examinee terminals depending on said  
transmission order and a load value indicating a  
load on said transmitting apparatus.

6. The transmitting apparatus as set forth in claim 5, wherein the transmitting unit transmits said pass/fail information address to the predetermined number of examinee terminals when the load value indicating the load on said transmitting apparatus is less than a predetermined value.

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7. A computer program that causes a computer to function as:

a transmitting unit that transmits a confirmation mail to an examinee terminal used by an examinee asking whether said examinee requires pass/fail information indicating whether said examinee has passed or failed an exam;

a receiving unit that receives a response mail returned in response to said confirmation mail from said examinee terminal;

a determining unit that records reception time at which said response mail is received and determines, based on said reception time, a transmission order by which to transmit to said examinee terminal a pass/fail information address at which said pass/fail information is located; and

a transmitting unit that transmits said pass/fail information address to a predetermined number of said examinee terminals depending on said transmission order and a load value indicating a load on said computer.

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8. The computer program as set forth in claim 7, wherein the transmitting unit transmits

said pass/fail information address to the predetermined number of examinee terminals while the load value indicating the load on said computer is less than a predetermined value.

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9. A computer readable recording medium  
10 storing a computer program that causes a computer to function as:

a transmitting unit that transmits a confirmation mail to an examinee terminal used by an examinee asking whether said examinee requires  
15 pass/fail information indicating whether said examinee has passed or failed an exam;

a receiving unit that receives a response mail returned in response to said confirmation mail from said examinee terminal;

20 a determining unit that records reception time at which said response mail is received and determines, based on said reception time, a transmission order by which to transmit to said examinee terminal a pass/fail information address at  
25 which said pass/fail information is located; and

a transmitting unit that transmits said pass/fail information address to a predetermined number of said examinee terminals depending on said transmission order and a load value indicating a  
30 load on said computer.

35 10. The computer readable recording medium as set forth in claim 9, wherein the transmitting unit transmits said pass/fail information address to

the predetermined number of examinee terminals while the load value indicating the load on said computer is less than a predetermined value.